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Blunt Words By American Aid Mission Chief

VARIETY STARS TO COME HERE

A troupe of seven Hollywood stars, now performing in Manila, will visit Hong Kong, next month before touring Chinese cities.

The stars are Don and Dolores, famous Hollywood ballet team, the two Stapletons from Ken Murray's "Blackouts," Bill Panko, Joan Page and Murray Parker.

After a series of performances at the Manila Grand Opera House, the troupe will tour the provinces before leaving for Hong Kong.

The tours are being sponsored by the Far Eastern Entertainment Enterprises, Incorporated, the president of which is Miss Donna L. Murphy. The vice-president, who is also accompanying the troupe, is Miss Dolores Gregory.

TYPHOON SIGNAL HOISTED

Typhoon signals were hoisted yesterday for the first time this year.

No. 1 signal ("A depression or typhoon exists which may possibly affect the locality") went up at 3.45 p.m. At 10.40 p.m., the Observatory hoisted No. 2 signal ("Gale expected from the north-east").

Although the Observatory expects strong winds, which may amount to gale force, today there is no immediate threat to the Colony.

At 9 p.m. yesterday the storm, officially termed a tropical depression, was 250 miles south by west of Hong Kong, and was moving north-west at about 12 knots.

United Press yesterday afternoon reported the storm, which formed 500 miles east of southern Sumatra, a crossing northern Luzon.

The agency said winds of up to 40 m.p.h. were reported. In Hong Kong last night, with the wind strengthening, the high velocity was 31 knots; small craft sought for shelter though the ferries were running as usual.

The Weather

At 9 p.m. H.K. Summer Time the tropical depression was centered 250 miles S by W of Hong Kong moving NW at 10 to 12 knots and intensifying. Pressure is high in a ridge extending from SE of Japan to Central and North China.

Today's Forecast—Fresh or strong easterly winds with rain to gale force. Cloudy with rain at times.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 85.3 deg. F.
Minimum 71.2 deg. F.
Rainfall 0.8 mm.
Jan. 1—1927.9 mm. (182.2 in.)
Annual average of 1292.5 mm. (50.9 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. 10.4.3 100.4 m.p.h. Equals 20.77 29.87 inches. Rel. Humidity 88 66 % Dew Point 78 70 deg. F. Wind Direction 2 by N E by W Wind Force 3 22 knots. Tides—Time Ht. High 1114 7.4 Low 0147 0.4

Athens, July 21. A British Naval squadron of warships under Admiral Power arrived here today. Associated Press.

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Nanking Accused Of Not Making All-Out Effort

Nanking, July 22. Mr. Roger Lapham, chief of the ECA mission to China, speaking over the U.S. Army radio station today, bluntly told China to do more toward helping herself if she expects to get more American aid next year.

"It stands to reason," he said, "that if China expects our Congress to vote additional American aid next year, then China must do more on its own initiative to help itself than has been evident to date." The white-haired former San Francisco Mayor virtually accused China of not making an all-out effort to build up its own economic strength.

He charged:

1—That China is not collecting revenues. "It might be the public was required to pay prices it should for commodities and services."

2—That Chinese farmers were subsidizing big cities. "There are many in those cities," he said, "who could afford to pay more than they do in meeting their country's expenditures." Mr. Lapham's remarks were directly contrary to the Chinese Government's policy of trying to hold down prices, particularly foodstuffs, such as rice and imported commodities, as petrol.

Mr. Lapham said he was speaking to "Americans in China." Actually his talk was leveled directly at the Chinese. In fact the text of his speech was translated and delivered to the Chinese Press in Shanghai.

Assurance Needed

He admitted "unquestionably the situation in China is more difficult and different than in any other country now receiving American aid."

Yet he said: "Neither this aid programme nor any other can be successful in helping China unless there is a determined all-out effort by the Chinese to help themselves."

Then he called for "fullest co-operation if we are to make this aid programme of real and lasting assistance" to China. "America wants to continue to help China," he stated. "But if we are to do so, Mr. Hoffman (Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator) and myself must be able to assure our Congress—that only authorities who can grant further aid—that China is doing its part to make the utmost use of the American taxpayer's dollars."

Mr. Lapham criticized the lack of restrictions on the use of petrol for pleasure travel. "Why not a realistic petrol price as well as restrictions on pleasure driving such as apply in European countries?" he said. "There are many other things which could be done to help meet China's budget deficit. Why not a strong self-help programme to find and enforce them?"

Mr. Lapham outlined how \$54,000,000 of the American taxpayer's dollars would be spent to help the Chinese.

A sum of \$12,000,000 had been set aside for military use. The balance of \$27,000,000 must be used before next April 3 "to render China the greatest possible economic aid." "Of that amount \$70,000,000 will be spent for food supplies for the Chinese people, another \$70,000,000 to purchase cotton for manufacture here into yarn and cloth which can be sold to purchase other products or bartered for other commodities; \$50,000,000 for petroleum products; \$13,000,000 for fertiliser; \$70,000,000 for reconstruction."

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DOCKYARD WORKERS' BACK PAY

The grant of part pay for the period of the Occupation to Dockyard Chinese employees in lieu of the victory bonus already paid; is under consideration by the Commodore Superintendent, Hong Kong.

Should the Commodore Superintendent feel that the recommendation is justified, it will be sent to London for approval before payment.

This was revealed by Mr. Mak Yiu-chuen, Chairman of the Naval Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association, at a meeting of members last night.

Mr. Mak said the Civil Secretary had stated that it was incorrect that more than 35 per cent of the workers had been discharged since January.

It had been found possible to retain a number of men for three or four weeks longer than was promised. No further discharges were expected except for normal reasons after the end of July, by which time the percentage reduction will almost approximate 35 per cent.

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Picture Of The Day Satin And Lace



HEDY LAMARR, famed beauty of the Hollywood screen, relaxes in a gown of satin bordered with lace at the cuff and bodice, at a special gala show in aid of the United Nations Appeal for Children in Paris. (AP Photo).

Water Level Rises On The Yangtse

Nanking, July 22. A further rise of the water level of the Yangtse River was reported today from all points along the river south of Wanshan, 140 miles east of Chungking, increasing the flood threat to China's "rice bowl" plains.

In Nanking, a warning was sounded personally by the Minister of Water Conservancy, Hsueh Tu-pi, who moved an emergency meeting at yesterday's Cabinet meeting for opening the dams near Hankow to let the water into the provincial lakes.

Hsueh's motion was vigorously opposed by the other Cabinet members, who protested against the principle of aiding one city at the sacrifice of a large rural population.

Press reports from the main river ports said the river had overflowed its banks at all points east of Wanshan. In Hankow all roads near the bank were submerged. Round the clock vigil was kept on the Changkung dyke which protects the city from the surging river.

The water started to sweep upward yesterday from Chungking. As a result, with the exception of the water level at Chungking, the river had risen to less than two feet below the 1931 flood mark at other points.

In Kiuching, where half of the city already is under water, the

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BEACH TRAGEDY AT SHEK-O

A tragic bathing accident occurred at Shek-O Beach shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday, when Mr. P. B. Bowman, of Messrs. Whallock Marden & Co., Ltd., King's Building, who was swimming with his wife, was drowned.

Mrs. Bowman, who went to the rescue of her husband when she saw he was in difficulties and supported him throughout the rescue operations, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

Up to a late hour last night, her condition was reported to be satisfactory. According to eye-witnesses, there were a number of Chinese bathers on the beach while Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were farther out.

The sea was reported to be very rough and Mr. Bowman is said to have been swept out by the undertow.

The alarm was immediately raised and while Mrs. Bowman swam out to her husband, the Chinese bathers called the Urban Council Beach Guards.

The newly installed rocket life saving apparatus was put into operation and after an initial unsuccessful attempt, the second rocket reached Mrs. Bowman.

Chinese Rescuers
Forced Back
Two Chinese bathers, armed with life belts, as well as a raft which attempted to reach the distressed couple, were forced back by the high waves.

Eventually, after much difficulty, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were brought to the shore, where artificial respiration was immediately applied to Mr. Bowman by a Chinese doctor but without success.

In the meantime, a Naval Ambulance as well as the Police arrived and both Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were taken to Hospital. On arrival at the Hospital, it was found that Mr. Bowman had succumbed and his body was later removed to the Public Mortuary.

TEXAS WORKERS WALK OUT
Most of the 400 workers at the Texas oil installations at Tuen Wan walked out yesterday following the expiration of their ultimatum on Wednesday demanding salary increases and other privileges.

A skeleton staff is keeping the installations working. Meanwhile, the company has started recruiting new workers.

BRITAIN TO BUY JAPANESE GOODS.
British trade officials discussing commercial exchanges between Japan and the sterling area revealed today that the United Kingdom and colonies are prepared to make substantial purchases of Japanese cotton textiles and raw silk.

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WATSON'S- THE TOPS

Each beverage has the strengthening effect of Vitamin B1.

"BLITZ" BY RED ARMY THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE

Five Years On Menaces Charge

Found guilty by a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of demanding \$5,000 with menaces, Chan Tam-kam, fisherman, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Gould (Acting Chief Justice), to five years' hard labour.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Gould said that he greatly regretted the fact that the maximum sentence he could pass was only five years.

The jury were unable to reach a decision on two other charges with which Chan was charged, namely, kidnapping Siu Tak-hung, son of a lime kiln owner, and uttering a letter demanding \$5,000 with menaces. Mr. Justice Gould directed that he be remanded in custody pending a decision as to re-trial on these charges.

Chan was tried at the June Sessions on a charge of murder, but was acquitted by the jury. On that occasion, he was defended by Mr. V. d'Alton.

Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Det. Inspector D. H. Taylor, conducted the case for the prosecution. The accused was not legally represented.

Before accused testified yesterday, certain statements alleged to have been made by him but which he denied having made, were read to the jury. Mr. Justice Gould having held that they were admissible.

After the statements had been read, accused was asked if he wished to be cross-examined. When told that he would be subjected to cross-examination if he testified, he consented.

Chan then told the Court about his movements between March 11 and March 13. He had been to Hong Kong to collect a debt of \$15 on two occasions, but was unsuccessful. On March 14, the friend who had borrowed the money returned it to him. On the following day, this friend brought the police to arrest him. Chan said that when he was questioned by the police, he told them he knew nothing about the happenings at Lau Pau Shan.

Chan alleged that the evidence against him had been fabricated by the police and that they had brought a false charge against him. He admitted that he was in need of money during the period March 11 to March 13.

Ngan Lai-sau, who was called as a witness for the defence, agreed that he had borrowed \$15 from accused. He also agreed that he took the police to find accused, but did not know they wanted to arrest him.

On conclusion of the summing up by Mr. Justice Gould, the jury retired for 25 minutes.

BOAC PLANE DELAYED

It is notified that the provisional changes in arrival and departure of B.O.A.C. Planes are as follows:

(1) The Inward B.O.A.C. Plane from the United Kingdom, due here on Thursday, July 22, is now expected to arrive on Friday, July 23.

(2) The Outward Air Mail for Japan (Ordinary letters only) by B.O.A.C. Plane, advertised to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, will now close at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 23.

(3) The Outward Air Mail for the United Kingdom by B.O.A.C. Plane, due to close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, will now close at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, July 25. (Registration at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 24).

GRAVE CHARGE

Charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with attempting to commit an offence against the Public Health Ordinance, a 35-year-old man, who was arrested by Detective-Inspector C. Downman, remained for a week in custody.

WAR MONGERING, SAYS WALLACE

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ALL NOT WELL IN THE UKRAINE?

Berlin, July 22. The general opinion among Soviet military circles here is that, in case of a general conflict, Russian armies would not be able to push to a successful conclusion a "blitz" offensive against Western Europe.

It is claimed that the dismantling of the railway east of the Elbe and the bad state of repair and the extreme shortage of bridges over German rivers would hamper the progress of mechanised armies.

Furthermore, the distance separating a Soviet army engaged in offensive operations from its Russian bases would be colossal and would prohibit effective means of maintaining lines of communication.

Columns marching towards the west would be exposed to the danger of attacks on their right flank—the Baltic and North Sea coasts.

German personnel accompanying repair trains from Germany to the Soviet Union, via Poland, were reported to have stated that special security measures have been taken in eastern Poland.

German engine drivers were reported to have been instructed to increase speed between Nalva, Podolsk and Great Litovsk, by gangs concealed in the forests or marshes.

Ukraine Disorder
In the former Polish Ukraine, railway lines have been sabotaged in several places. Escort-

ing soldiers were said to have mentioned numerous bands of well-armed partisans, who were roaming through this war-stricken area.

A strong force of Russian Gendarmes had been sent to this area to restore peace and order. All these difficulties of a technical order would compel Russia to resort to her centuries-old war tactics of using the vast spaces the Vistula to wage a defensive war. To this would be added the poor morale, not only of Soviet servicemen in Germany, but of the entire Russian population at home. It was added that the Russian High Command was increasingly worried about desertions in Germany.

The contact of Russian soldiers with western civilisation is stated to have had a demoralising effect on these troops. Aetism and the rigid discipline of the Communist state were not easy to bear once the taste of comfort and freedom had worked its way into the frame of the Soviet soldier.

Morale Law
Several collective suicides of Russian officers and their entire families have been reported in several Soviet zone garrisons, when it was announced that they would be re-posted back to Russia.

German prisoners coming back from the Soviet Union unanimously declared that the inhabitants of the European regions of Russia were still deeply oppressed by the effects of war. The pilfering and terror of the German armies and the Gestapo had left wounds which refused to heal.

These prisoners claimed that it was unlikely that persuasion or even compulsion would be able to awaken the magnificent enthusiasm which enabled the Soviet Union to fight back to victory after the victorious Hitlerite offensive in the early stage of the Russian invasion.—Agence France-Press.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Messrs. Norman Jemel, J.A. Barrow, W.D. Davis, N.S. Walker, A. Dohrouge, W.L. Allison, R.M. Ansteth, G.H.J. Desanore, W. J. Moore, C.C. Chow, J.H. Ferin, and Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Law.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. Neil Walker, Mrs. Evelyn M. Wright, Miss Margaret Soong, Miss Barbara A. Yeager, Miss Margaret E. Mueller, Miss Jeanne Monte-gomery, Miss Vicha Mao Hader, Miss Margaret Peed Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Hill, Messrs. E.M. Hunt, E. Parker, W.R. Rivers, K.M. Hampshire, J.A. Barthrop, Lieutenant David G. Fisher, and Capt. Milton Lerman.

Latest arrivals from Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat were Messrs J.F. Weston, D.A.O. Davies, G.J. Agate, W.L. Howard, W.J. Moore, D.H. Clarke, T.G.P. Crick, A.D. Kay and Miss E.F. Stack.

Aboard the same aircraft were Mr. Taw Kan-shue and Mr. B.A. Tanczon (from Calcutta); Mr. D.J.B. Sastoun (from Bahrain); Messrs G.S. Wilson, Chen Shou-yi and Kwok Ping-chor (from Bangkok).

The wedding of Miss S. H. Wan, of the Balliol Old Girls' Association, and Mr. K. K. Kam will take place on Monday at the Hong Kong Hotel at 4 p.m.

Mr. W. Gordon Harmon, who has been appointed Public Relations Officer in Hong Kong, arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

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MALAYAN TERRORISM

Cannot Be Beaten Immediately--Newboul

Grim Lesson Of Batu Arang

Kuala Lumpur, July 21.

Sir Alexander Newboul, acting High Commissioner of the Malayan Federation, tonight admitted in a radio broadcast that the terrorists cannot be beaten immediately.

"We cannot be strong everywhere and the enemy will seek out our weakest places," he said, but predicted that eventually the Communists will be defeated.

Sir Alexander said that the police learned a lesson from the recent successful Communist attack on Batu Arang. He said: "It is clear that the planners of the attack had a most intimate knowledge of the daily routine of the working in the mine. Another disturbing feature was that an attack of this scale could be planned and organized without one breath of information coming to the ears of the police."

Sir Alexander said that the distribution of arms has been stepped up, and added that RAF Spitfires with their rockets and cannons will be used more.

Sir Alexander announced new emergency regulations to combat Malayan terrorism, under which people in certain areas must register, have their fingerprints and photographs taken and be issued with identity cards.

Sir Alexander said the regulations made it an offence to hinder people liable to registration and who were without identity cards.

Still Serious

"I said a fortnight ago that the position was serious and I cannot say today that it is any less serious," he said.

Sir Alexander urged the Chinese community to throw its whole weight into the struggle on the side of the Government, to join the auxiliary police and special constabulary, and to give immediate notice to the police of any valuable information.

"No one can claim privileges who are not prepared to show their responsibilities," he told them. There were many Chinese who were hesitating, he said, and he asked: "Have they not much

at stake? Do they really believe that they would be better off under a Government run by apostates of violence than under the present Government?"

He called his references to the Chinese "a delicate subject, but one which I cannot shirk."

There were only two camps in Malaya at present—those who supported the Government, and the rest.

Europeans Ambushed

Meanwhile, a European and his son were wounded when two European families being evacuated from the Kajang area with a strong police escort, were ambushed today.

The two families, the only Europeans in the area, were being moved out on police orders when the attack occurred a mile south of Kajang on the Semenyih road, about 20 miles south-east of the Federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, in the State of Selangor.

Communist insurgents attacked three rubber plantations in the Sungai Siput area of Perak State today. At least three Chinese were killed there and in other violence areas in Malaya.

Despatches from Perak said 50 Communist raiders burned down buildings and warehouses at the Chent, Mabe and Krudun plantations.

Police reinforcements shot two Chinese and captured one mm. Documenter headed "Malayan People's anti-British Army" were seized.

Near Kuala Lumpur Communists took a Chinese house planter from his home, tied his hands behind him and killed him.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

Shanghai Opium Haul

Shanghai, July 22.

Customs Preventive Officers yesterday arrested a passenger and two suspected smugglers when more than 130 pounds of opium were found aboard a China Mershan vessel.

This is the second big case of opium smuggling brought to light since Sunday, when alert Customs officials discovered 20 pounds of opium in the trunk of a man who claimed to be a Legislative Yuan member.

Yesterday's haul was made soon after the s.s. Hai Hang docked from the south.

Although the three arrested men had embarked at Swatow, on the Fukien coast, Customs officials did not believe they were connected with one another.

All three will probably be handed over to the Procurator.—Reuter.

DEFEATS TRIAL

Paris, July 21.

The former French High Commissioner in French Africa during the period of the Vichy regime, Pierre Francois Boisson, died today aged 54. Boisson was about to be tried by a high court for his action in Dakar against the Free French Forces and against all sympathisers with the Free French cause.—Agence France-Presse.

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Soviet Officials Leaving Belgrade

Athens, July 21.

The official Greek News Agency reports today that numerous Soviet representatives in Yugoslavia are leaving Belgrade by plane with their families.

The Agency also reports that the Belgrade-Tirana Airline, which hitherto had been serviced by Yugoslav planes, has been handed over to a Soviet Air Company—Agence France-Presse.

Cast In The Same Mould

Bucharest, July 21.

Czechoslovakia and Rumania today signed a 20-year treaty of friendship and mutual aid.

The treaty follows exactly the form of earlier bilateral treaties between Eastern European states.

The treaty provides for consultation and mutual aid in the event

Japs To Return Loot

Shanghai, July 22.

Several hundred pieces of rare Chinese antiques and more than 10,000 tons of copper coins—a small proportion of the enormous quantity of loot which the Japanese carted away during the war—will soon be returned to China.

The reports add that SCAP authority for their restoration has been granted.

The antiques include some of the most valuable specimens of ancient Chinese porcelain ware, paintings and calligraphy.

The Chinese Government will despatch a vessel to Japan to bring back the restored treasures which constitute only a portion of all valuables plundered by the Japanese and discovered since the end of the war.—Reuter.

of aggression or threat of aggression by Germany or states allied with Germany.

Delegates also agreed to conclude five-year commercial and "economic collaboration" agreements before the end of this year.—United Press.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MALAYA

London, July 21.

Reinforcements are being despatched to Malaya to augment the present forces being used in police operations against terrorists, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Alexander, announced in the Commons this afternoon.

Mr. D. L. Lipson (Independent) asked from what source the bandits in Malaya obtained their arms and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, replied that the arms had been dropped by aircraft during the war to be used by the resistance movement against the Japanese invaders of Malaya.

In addition, the Japanese had left arms and ammunition behind when they had surrendered.

Owing to the nature of the countryside, a residue of these arms remained unaccounted for, despite the efforts of the authorities to trace them.

Mr. Lipson asked for an assurance that no further arms were reaching the bandits and Mr. Creech Jones replied that every safeguard had been applied to prevent the importation of arms by sea or across the frontier.

Replying to the conservative M.P. Mr. C. D. Bannerman, Mr. Creech Jones said that, shortly, he hoped to make a statement on the position in Malaya and Presse.

Conservative member, Major Guy Lloyd, called attention to a cable he had received yesterday from the Incorporated Society of Planters in Malaya of a "very desperate character" saying that the situation was under-rated in this country and was extremely serious and that, unless something far more concrete was done than was being contemplated at present, the situation would develop to a most disastrous degree.

"What is the Minister going to do about it?" asked Major Lloyd.

"I have seen the cable," said Mr. Creech Jones, "and I am sure that to the seriousness of the position we are taking every possible step to assist the local Governments in the enormous tasks which they have to discharge. I do not think that anyone can suggest that we have not been willing at this end to assist the administration in every possible way." Mr. Creech Jones concluded.—Agence France-Presse.

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DEMAND FOR TRUCE OBSERVANCE

Rhodes, July 21.

The United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, said today that the truce "will and must continue until there is a peaceful adjustment in Palestine."

He conferred with his observers and briefed them on imminent assignments. He said that they would proceed to their posts on Thursday. Nineteen American and 25 Belgian officer-observers were present.

Three hundred more United Nations observers who are to supervise the Holy Land truce are due to arrive in Palestine on Monday. They comprise 100 Americans, 100 Frenchmen and 100 Belgians.

Two hundred will land in Haifa and 100 in Tel Aviv. They will then be dispersed to various observation points throughout the country.

The observers will arrive aboard four American ships, the aircraft carrier Palau, two destroyers, the Cone and the O'Mahoney, and one transport, the Marquette. The ships will be at the disposition of Count Bernadotte, as during the last truce.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli Army Chief of Operations estimated today that the Arab armies lost 5,000 killed, wounded, captured or deserted during the nine days of the "Second Palestine War."

This loss, he said, was about 30 per cent of the total strength of the Transjordan, Egyptian, Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese and irregular armies.

Egyptian Losses

He said the greatest loss was incurred by the Egyptians in the south and Fawzi Kaukja irregular "Yarmuk" Army in the Nazareth area.

The Egyptians lost 1,150 and Yarmuk Army 1,500 of which a third deserted en masse, he said.

Material losses included 20 Egyptian tanks and armoured cars, a full squadron of Arab Legion armour and 12 Egyptian or Iraqi aircraft.

Reviewing the progress of the fighting in the second phase of the war, the operations chief, Yigal Yadin, son of Professor Shlomo Yadin, a Hebrew University archaeologist, said the Israeli Army has captured 1,297 square kilometres of Arab territory and 331 square kilometres of Israeli territory.—United Press & Associated Press.

SUPERFORTS TO STAY

Washington, July 21.

The United States Government intends to maintain the 80 Superfortresses which recently arrived in England in that country for a somewhat longer period than previously expected.

This appeared to be possible following a statement made today by an Air Department spokesman who revealed that important stocks of spare parts were being shipped to England where they would be stored.

He announced that spare parts had already been flown to Britain by DC-4 planes.—Agence France-Presse.

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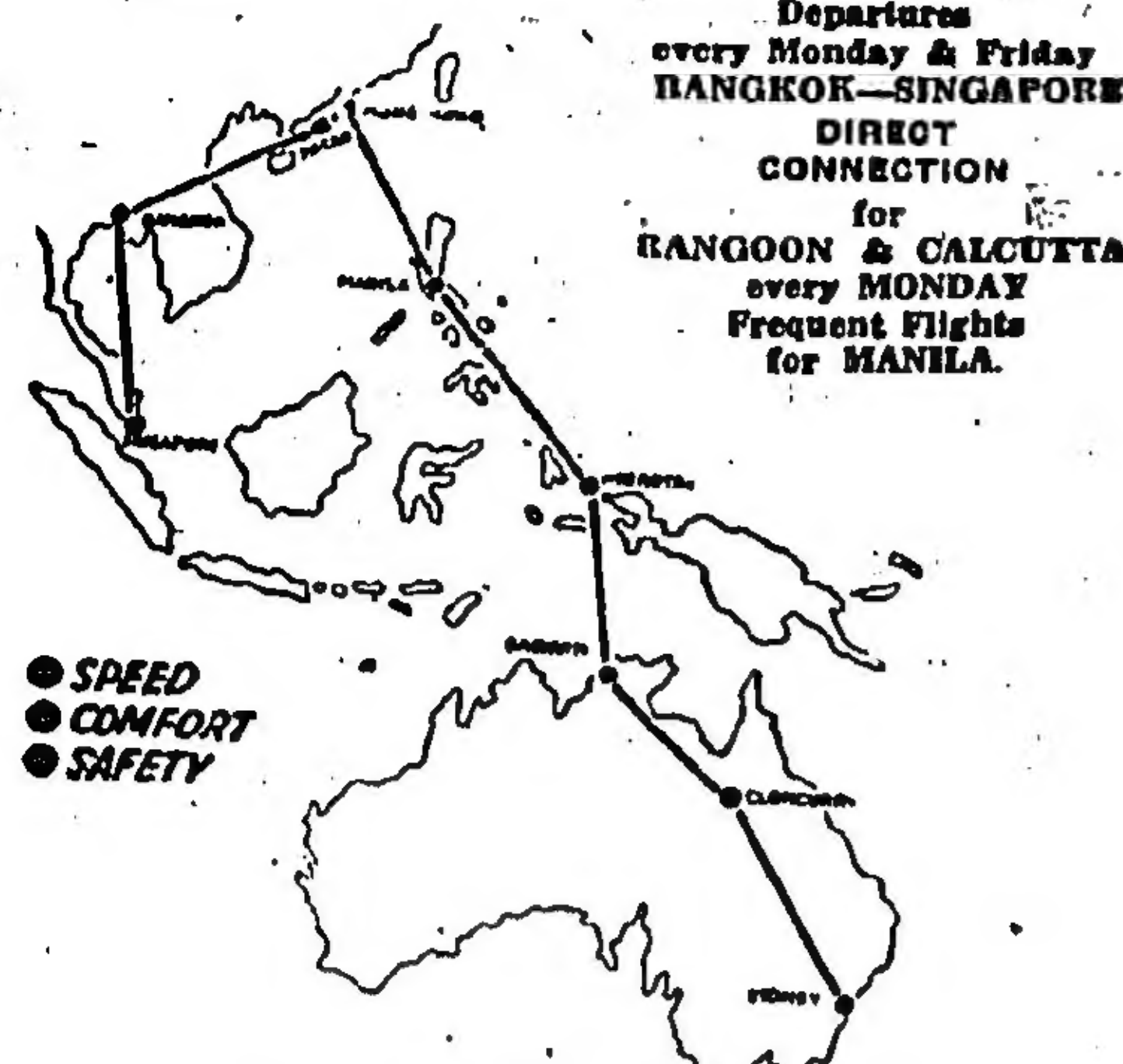
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HK EXCHANGE CONTROLS

The exchange control measures announced for Hong Kong by Sir Stafford Cripps in the House of Commons threaten to be more far-reaching and restrictive in their effect than anything suggested in the Government statement published on Wednesday. Controls designed to prevent a flight of capital from the sterling area through Hong Kong by ensuring that all sterling transactions are for proper purposes are readily understood and are unlikely to cause headaches for the legitimate merchant. It is doubtful whether the further proposals will be as easily assimilated. Absence of an official statement in this Colony and Sir Stafford's phrase that the details "are being worked out with those concerned" suggests that no formula has yet been finally agreed, and until that stage has been reached, comment must be somewhat reserved. Business circles generally, however, are unlikely to relish new restrictions calculated to make commercial dealings more difficult, or add to complications in any shape or form. Importers and exporters are already lamenting a noticeable slackening in cargo movement in the last two or three months, and there is no sign of any immediate improvement. The demand for the full surrender to the sterling area pool of hard currency derived from local exports could have serious effects in several of the fields of local enterprise. The programme, however, doubtless results from the recommendations of the Bank of England expert who recently visited the Colony, and as the practical choice appeared to be between Hong Kong continuing as a member of the sterling area, or being excluded, it will probably be accepted, with whatever reluctance as the lesser of two evils.

Death Penalty The refusal of the House of Lords to accept the proposed compromise on the issue of capital punishment, abolishing the death penalty generally, but preserving it in specified cases, is not altogether surprising. Some of the most formidable legal brains in the British Isles, including the Lord Chief Justice, ranged themselves solidly against experimentation at the present juncture, when serious crime is rampant, and tests of public opinion throughout Britain clearly indicated that they represented the popular voice. Obviously, those who as a matter of principle are opposed to the taking of human life under any circumstances will be aggrieved by the Lords' decision when a successful campaign appeared to be theirs, but it has been well demonstrated that Britain is not yet ready for this revolutionary reform. There is a powerful case on both sides, but the Labour Government would be well advised to accept the important reforms contained in the Criminal Justice Bill in the Criminal Justice Bill should be enough.

Czechs Fear Communist Crackdown Prague, July 21. The Czechoslovak people today waited uneasily for the long-expected Government house-cleaning of anti-Communist elements to sweep all opposition parties off the nation's political scene. Many Czechs had predicted for weeks that the Communist Government was planning a crackdown and the announcement of the arrest of 70 "misguided" persons, charged with espionage and attempted assassination under United States guidance, was considered evidence that the drive had started. The announcement of the 70 arrests contained in a Government communiqué. The two Ministries which issued the communiqué charged the United States with sending spies and murderers into Czechoslovakia to "attack the people's democratic regime and serve the aims of international imperialism reaction." They warned the Czechs that "enemies of the present regime" did not hesitate before even the most shameful crimes against humanity.

Heading the list of those arrested was a former National Socialist Party official. Charges were filed against former members of Parliament and leaders of the National Socialist Party. These parties were leaders of the anti-Communist bloc before the Red coup last February. In the form now passed by the Lords, rather than make a vital issue of the highly controversial question of the death penalty. Where, mitigating circumstances exist in murder cases, the prerogative of mercy still lies with His Majesty, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary. For the time being, this in the Criminal Justice Bill should be enough.

SOVIET STRATEGY IN THE CRISIS

By W.N. EWER

The tone and content of the Soviet reply to Britain, France and the United States were—as Mr. Robert Schumann, the French Premier remarked, "on the expected lines." For they fit completely into the pattern of Soviet diplomatic strategy. It is a pattern of a type familiar enough in pre-war days.

First, there is the deliberate creation of a crisis, of a difficult and potentially dangerous situation: the stirring in the minds of peoples profoundly desiring peace of apprehensions that a new war is a possibility. Add to that, in this case, that prolongation of the crisis means, inevitably, hardships and suffering for millions of people. That is a refinement not thought of by Hitler.

Then, with the scene thus set, come hints that a settlement would be perfectly easy, that any war danger can be quite simply excised, that any suffering can be alleviated at once, if only other people will be reasonable and come into conference to discuss ways and means of reaching a compromise. Compromise, be it understood, in a Soviet terminology, means satisfaction of Soviet demands in exchange for the postponement of others. Even Hitler did not ask at Munich for all Czechoslovakia.

Russia's Intentions How reasonable in itself seems the suggestion that the Soviet Government would not object to negotiations, with no preliminary conditions, about the "general question of quadripartite control in relation to Germany."

But what, in fact, does it mean? What, after the weary feints of the last year, is there left to argue? What do the Russians intend? The answer is very plain. This conference, if held, will be an occasion not only for the usual tirades against the Western allies but for a series of Soviet demands, with which the West will be required to comply, as the price of a "settlement." With perhaps some slight modification of the illusion of a compromise. Immediate Demands The note in itself makes it obvious that the immediate demands would be:

First, acceptance of the [and of four-Power control of Berlin and of the integration of the city, politically and economically, in the Soviet zone; this leaving as a "compromise" the retention of "token" British and American and French military detachments in the capital, by permission of the Soviet Commander-in-Chief.

Second, annulment of all measures taken this year for the political and economic organisation of the Western zones thus leaving Germany still divided by the "Iron Curtain," with the West catastrophically disorganised and the East completely under Soviet control.

Third, acceptance of quadripartite control of the Ruhr. Which would give the Russians a foothold and a base of operations in the West, for which they are just as anxious as they are to deprive the Western allies of any foothold in the East.

That is the first stage. Quelling of the Western allies from Berlin. Disorganisation of Western Germany from the economic system of the European Programme. Establishment of a Soviet base of political operations close to the Ruhr.

Munich Technique If even a considerable part of such a programme could be carried through, if the required concessions could be extracted from the three Powers for the sake of a "settlement," not only the direct but the indirect gain would be considerable. It would once Soviet prestige and shake Western Europe throughout Germany. It would create precisely as Hitler sought to create—the inference of inevitable advance of a historic destiny. A sort of habit of thinking that the alternative were war and acquiescence in Soviet expansion, and that this would be the final settlement, that Russia had further aspirations. There would be hints of vast economic advantages, as well as of security and "peace with honour." It is a faithful copy of the Munich technique. With maybe Turkey and Persia and the Middle East, maybe the Scandinavian lands cast for the role of Poland.

Outline Of New Operation The Warsaw conference revealed the outline of a new operation. Complete "demilitarisation," which could be interpreted to mean removal of Western Germany of every possible means of defence; but in the hidden and secret East, nothing at all. And then "the occupation armies of all Powers will be withdrawn from Germany."

The field would be clear for the final coup. Communist and ex-Nazi paramilitary formations are already being organised in the Soviet zone. There are almost certainly actual military units—a new "Dieck Reichswehr"—ready under trusted leadership. If need be Poland or Czechoslovakia could easily pick a quarrel.

On whatever pretext—and again Hitler supplies many models—the forces of the "Peoples Democracy" could be set in motion. And there would be nothing east of the French and Belgian borders to stop or even hinder the sweep. The "Iron Curtain" would be West of the Rhine; and Germany would have become another satrapy of the Moscow empire.

That is the great plan. It may sound as fantastic as in 1933 Hitler's great plan would have sounded. But there it is, quite visibly outlined in the Soviet note of July 14, and in the resolutions of the Warsaw conference.

YUGOSLAVIA CLINCHES BREACH WITH RUSSIA Belgrade, July 21. Speaking on the opening day of the fifth Yugoslav Communist Party Congress, Marshal Josip Tito declared that the Cominform charges against him were an outright call for civil war in Yugoslavia.

He charged: "This is an attack on the unity of our party and on our people and a call to destructive elements to rise against us, to organise underground activity in our country—a call for war."

At the same time, Tito pleaded for the Soviet Union's friendship and promised that Yugoslavia would be willing to work for it. In effect, he went over the head of the Cominform and took his case directly to Stalin.

It was Tito's first utterance since the Cominform flung its accusations at him on June 28. The wartime partisan leader picked up each charge and aired it in turn. He said they were untrue, unfair and slanderous.

The Cominform, made up of top men from nine European Communist parties, denounced Tito for deviating from the Marxist-Lenin line in both foreign and domestic policies and for pursuing a "hateful" policy toward the Soviet Union.

Expressing pride in his own leadership, Tito said "No other Communist Party could endure such blows and not go to pieces, except the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

But—again the Munich parallel is perfect—this would not be the end in Germany, but only the "break through" before "mopping up."

How To Catch A Husband! London, July 21. Advice to schoolgirls on how to choose, catch and keep husbands was given by Mr. H. Watney Master, Chairman and Governor of St. Paul's School for Girls, when he attended the annual school prize-giving at Hammersmith yesterday.

He said: "Don't be too forward or too backward. Avoid the bookworm, who will be more interested in his studies, avoid the boy with the parted hair and the lovely profile who will always be asked to part by your girl friends, and avoid the ultra-heavy sporting type, who will make you a golf, cricket or beer widow."

"Choose a man in a steady job, even a Government civil servant—they can be quite human at home."

An old fashioned taxi is still a good place to get the chosen male into a situation where he will ask to marry you, but, if in doubt, ask Mother.

"How to treat him when you've got him? Feed the Brute! still holds good."—*Reuter.*

Civil Defence Programme Trenton, New Jersey, July 20. Governor C. Driscoll today ordered the reactivation of the entire New Jersey civilian defence programme.

He said the programme would be set up on a "stand-by basis" under the direction of the State Department of Defence.

Governor Driscoll said his decision was based on his appraisal of the international situation, and his continued conviction that the best way for the United States to avoid an international tragedy is to be prepared for all eventualities.

He added that he believed New Jersey is the first state to reorganise the programme.—*Associated Press.*

DUTCH AIR CRASH Aberdeen, July 21. All six crew were killed when a Dutch naval aircraft flying from The Hague to Loughmoult, northwest Scotland, crashed today on a hillside near Stonehaven, 10 miles southwest of here.—*Reuter.*

OPERATION LOCUST

This morning scores of letters patched from the Colonial Office. They will go to destinations throughout the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Inside each will be a map, with markings that will be vaguely familiar to any R.A.F. man acquainted with an Operations Room just before an attack is expected.

It pinpoints with black dots and red arrows where Hoppers—the technical name for the locusts—will be.

By Alec Harrison

sect which is liable at any moment to develop into a locust—are assembled. Immediately on receiving it, anti-locust centres in the area are put into action with preparations either to launch attacks with planes which will spray poisons or put down poisoned bread, a delicacy irresistible to locusts.

This R.A.F. technique of plotting the path of would-be invaders and then going out to attack them was applied during the war.

Purging Czech Police Prague, July 21. The first signs of action which many Czechs have predicted for weeks appeared in the last days of a festival when club-swinging, police three times dispersed shouting and singing crowds in Prague's Wenceslas Square and an undisclosed number of Sokol members were jailed.

Reliable reports this week said that the Police themselves are being mercilessly purged. A thorough-going housecleaning is said to be under way in the Ministry of Interior, reportedly precipitated by the arrest and subsequent escape last month of a high ministry official, Zbebnik Oman.

The usual Saturday night gaiety had grim undertones in Prague last night. One Czech danced around before speaking and said: "This is the beginning of a public performance. Up to now the producers have been busy behind the scenes of play. Tomorrow they will begin assembling the cast. It will have hundreds of parts, all them will fit into the synopsis—a story of the villains from the West and the last act will be final intent of freedom in this island."

BATAVIA OUTRAGE Batavia, July 21. Five Netherlands soldiers and five civilians, including one European, were wounded when an Indonesian pedicab driver threw a hand grenade into a cafe in the centre of Batavia.

The pedicab driver managed to escape among the busy traffic in that part of the city.

The Aneta news agency reported that the police carried out searches in the native district, where they arrested 32 persons alleged to belong to terrorist organisations, belonging to two grenades were discovered in one of the houses that were searched. The police added that they had been warned that something would happen and that they had taken precautions.—*Agence France-Press.*

WALLACE'S ELECTION PLATFORM Philadelphia, July 21. Before the opening of Henry Wallace's Third Party convention here, a Third Party committee of 53 members, headed by Professor Rexford Tugwell, today established a party platform.

The main points of the platform are: repeal of the Taft-Hartley legislation restricting the rights of trade unions, nationalisation of several industries, including air factories and collieries, and moral and economic support to the new Israel state and protection of certain civil rights.

It is believed that Wallace will be nominated for President and the Idaho Senator, Glen Taylor, for Vice-President.

The C.H.Q. of Intelligence is hidden away in a remote corner of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. Here a staff receives a continuous flow of telegrams and cables from agents throughout countries where hope-pers assemble. The maps on which the presence of these hoppers is shown give an over-all up-to-the-minute picture of the locust treat in any part of the world.

And what, you may ask, does this matter to people in Britain? Mr. D. R. Ross-Williams, Under Secretary at the Colonial Office, explained it to me like this:

"Locusts are the world's oldest and most ruthless destroyers of food. The last great plague a year or two ago cost approximately £20,000,000. The world's greatest problem, yesterday, today and tomorrow, is to find food. The world population is increasing and the ravages of war have made it more imperative than ever that we conserve our food resources."

"For centuries the great cereal and producing countries in the Mediterranean area, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Africa and Asia have been at the mercy of this invader."

"Now, during the past five years we have gone over from the Defensive to the attack. Various nations, respectively of other different types may have, are combining to track the locust to his breeding ground and there wipe him out before he launches his attack."

This great battle against the plague of centuries has been planned and led by Britain. For the past five years the British taxpayer has spent £1,000,000 a year in a campaign to wipe out locusts.

And yesterday it was announced that four nations—the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia—are signing an agreement to unite in the fight.

Sympathy For West Europe Dublin, July 21. Foreign Minister Sean McBride told the Dail last night that isolation for Eire was no longer possible and "therefore our sympathies lie clearly with Western Europe."

He said: "Continuance of partition precludes us from taking our rightful place in the affairs of Europe, but I believe the British Government and people are approaching realisation that a statesman-like policy lies in the direction of securing complete friendship and cooperation of this island."

He said the fact that the United Nations excluded Eire "demonstrates its mechanism is open to abuse" and the government soon consider withdrawing its application.

"It would be well to examine suggestions made recently to Eire in support of a plan to form a United States of Europe..... The United Nations has not so far provided a solution. The more I feel that it does not appear to have taken any effective steps to solve the present crisis is in itself indication of its failure."

ATOMIC STRIKE London, July 21. A total of 121 engineers who had gone on strike at the atomic centre at Salwick, Lancashire, will resume work tomorrow. It was announced here today. The strike lasted 10 days.—*Agence France-Press.*

Britain Not Pro-American London, July 21. A public opinion poll, taken by the "Mass Observation" group, among middle class Britons, disclosed today that a comparatively small proportion is friendly to America. In reply to the question "What are your present feelings about the Americans?" and "Russian?" one-fourth gave pro-American answers. One-third were anti-American. Only one in five expressed attitude for "neither side."

Nearly one-half of the poll revealed that they were "neutral," but one-fifth said they were sympathetic to Russia.—*United Press.*

AMERICA NOT TO BE INTIMIDATED

US Secretary Of State Makes Position Clear Will Do Everything Possible To Reach Accord

Washington, July 21.

Secretary of State George Marshall today ruled out any belligerent act by the United States to break the Soviet blockade of Berlin, but also said "We will not be coerced or intimidated."

Wellington In Forced Landing

Marseilles, July 21. Five of 13 persons aboard a French Air Force Wellington plane were rescued today after a forced landing in the Mediterranean, French Air Force Headquarters for Southern France announced.

Headquarters did not say the remaining eight were definitely lost but merely that rescue planes had not yet sighted them.

Earlier the French news agency had reported 20 were aboard and that all had been rescued.

The plane, ferrying families of French soldiers from North Africa back to France, was forced down some 80 miles off the Mediterranean coast. It sent out a call and French officials ordered planes and launches to the rescue.

The Wellington took off from Regulus, Algeria, this morning for a forced landing near here.

Marseilles naval authorities said one of the rescue planes, a Dornier flying boat, crashed while trying to land near the wrecked Wellington, but no one was hurt.—Associated Press.

British Change In Air Policy

London, July 21. Forty-seater, Canadian-built, British-engine Canadian aircraft are to be used on the main Empire routes, Lord Falkland, Minister of Civil Aviation, told the House of Lords today.

Twenty-two of them, he said, were being bought from Canada. Of these, 15 would be used on routes to India and the Middle East, and seven on the North Atlantic route to Canada.

The Canadian is a pressurized aircraft with full air conditioning equipment, including refrigeration. The aircraft would not cost Britain any dollars. The money would be found through the post-payment of certain obligations to the Canadian Government for the redemption of debt, thus enabling the dollars that would have gone towards meeting those obligations to be applied to the purchase of the aircraft.—Reuter.

20TH REPRIEVE

London, July 21. The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, has recommended a reprieve for George Cyril Epton, 41, of Kensington, sentenced to death on June 17 for the murder of Winifred Mulholland at his flat.

He is the 20th murderer to be reprieved this year.—Reuter.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TAKES HIS PLACE

London, July 21.

Princess Elizabeth watched her husband being introduced in the House of Lords today as the Duke of Edinburgh.

She was accompanied by Lady Mountbatten, whose husband, the Earl of Mountbatten, former Governor General of India and uncle of the Duke, took his seat as Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

The Duke of Edinburgh's sponsors were the premier Peer, the Duke of Norfolk, and the Duke of Beaufort.

Lord Mountbatten was sponsored by two former Viceroy of India—Earl Wavell and Earl Halifax. Friends of his India days were present, among them the Dominion of India's first woman Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.

The Duke of Edinburgh was the first introduced, and on bended knee, he presented his warrant, and patent to the Lord Chancellor. The Clerk then read out the King's proclamation, giving the King's greetings to "our most dear and entirely beloved son-in-law, and creating Earl Philip Mountbatten, Earl of Edinburgh but Baron Greenwich and Earl of Merioneth."

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OCCUPATION TALKS

Oso, July 21. Negotiations on an Anglo-Norwegian agreement on Norwegian participation in the occupation of Germany will be started in London during the next few days, the Norwegian Foreign Ministry said today.

United Press.

Mr. Marshall declared the United States will do everything possible to "reach an acceptable solution and to avoid the tragedy of war for the world."

In Berlin, talk of sending an armed column through the Russian-enclosed approaches to the city virtually ceased tonight. The Western Allies appear to have resolved on diplomatic means of breaking the blockade.

In this connection, British officials in London reported that a new Western power note protesting the blockade has been drafted and sent to Washington for review by State Department officials.

Asked at a press conference to comment on reports of widespread fear of war over the Berlin blockade, Mr. Marshall said in a statement: "I can only say at this time that our position, I think, is well understood."

"We will not be coerced or intimidated in any way in our procedures under the rights and responsibilities that we have in Berlin and generally in Germany. At the same time we will proceed to invoke every possible resource of negotiation and diplomatic procedure to reach an acceptable solution and to avoid the tragedy of war for the world."

"But I repeat again we are not going to be coerced," Marshall said. He told reporters he planned to confer with General Clay today.

New Approach

In London, a responsible British official reported today that a new Western power note protesting against Russia's blockade of Berlin has been drafted and sent to Washington for review.

The contents remained a secret but the Government official said "don't be surprised" if it agrees to widen proposed four-power talks on Berlin alone to cover several other German problems. It was regarded as almost certain, however, that removal of the road and rail blockade of the German capital will remain a key condition for the talks.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was shown a draft of the note while attending the Western European Alliance conference at the League. He was reported to have made a number of suggestions which were incorporated in the note before it was passed to Washington.

Delay Probable

The British official said no "major" differences had arisen in the exchanges between Sirang, Douglas and Messigli.

But defeat of the French Government on Monday might delay if not complicate the timing and method of presenting the Western powers' position until a new Cabinet is formed. It was regarded as likely that the United States and Britain will wait until that time in order to present a collective Western stand on the issue after the new Cabinet has had a chance to review the position.

Fitting Marshall's words that the U.S. will not be coerced, American B-29 Superfortresses bombed the deserted German island of Helgoland on a training practice flight today.

No Further Waste Of Effort

London, July 21. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government would not make any new representations to Moscow to obtain exit visas for Soviet wives of British nationals.

Mr. Bevin, who was answering a question, said that such representations appeared to be useless at the moment.—Agence France-Press.

CZECH GENERAL'S ESCAPE

Heidelberg, July 21. Czechoslovakia's former top-ranking army general, Gen. Antonin Bohumil Hasal, now a refugee, declared today that at least 70 per cent of enlisted men in the Czech Army were anti-Communist.

The escape of the 55-year-old Czech Military Chief to the United States Zone of Germany with his family was announced yesterday and caused considerable comment here, as he was said to possess information presumably of importance to United States intelligence officers.

His last post in Czechoslovakia was that of military assistant and adviser to President Eduard Benes, who resigned last month. Washington officials said yesterday that as presidential adviser, Gen. Hasal outranked even the Minister of War.—Reuter.

CZECH DEPORTED

London, July 21. Dr. Pavel Kavan, Counsellor to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London, tonight handed a note urging the British Government to prosecute an official of the Anglo-Czech Friendship League, who is to be deported.

Only in this way will it be possible to ascertain in what way the activities of the official were at variance with the aims of the Friendship League, the note said.

Earlier today, a Labour Member of Parliament and two colleagues saw the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, and afterwards told Reuter that Frank Hampel, Secretary of the League, was being deported.

The Home Secretary said that the charge against Hampel was connected with the passing—either willingly or unwittingly—of a letter as a result of which "extremely valuable information, prejudicial to this country, fell into the hands of an unnamed foreign power."—Reuter.

DE VALERA FEARS NEW WAR

Dublin, July 21. Saying that "war, in the opinion of most people, is inevitable in a few years," Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Premier of Eire, asked in the Dail today if "our people" in Britain could be conscripted if the British Nationality Bill became law.

He asked the Government to make it clear that they were not satisfied with the Bill (which contains provisions worked out in co-operation between the Eire and British Governments).

The External Minister, Mr. Sean MacBride, said he understood Eire nationals could not be conscripted, and added: "If there should be a war tomorrow, I hope no member of this Government will try to bring this country into it on the side of Britain."—Reuter.

CRIPPS TO TALK WITH HOFFMAN

London, July 21. The Treasury announced today that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will go to Paris next Sunday to see Paul Hoffman, American economic co-operation director. Ministers responsible for economic and financial affairs of nations participating in the Marshall Plan will meet with Hoffman informally.—United Press.

CONFLICT OVER THE ITALIAN COLONIES

London, July 21.

Writing on conditions in Italy's pre-war African colonies, a big four inquiry team labelled views put to them on Eritrea by political parties and popular representatives as being neither "mature and independent" nor "grounded on serious political and economic considerations."

In a report to big four Deputy Foreign Ministers made public today, the Commissioners disclosed that total membership claimed by Eritrean political parties which gave evidence exceeded the total indigenous population of the country.

The report showed that the five Eritrean political parties which gave evidence to the Commission all agreed their country should remain undivided; that the essential difference between them is the position their country will take in relation to Ethiopia and that not one of them considers immediate independence practical for Eritrea.

The Italians in Eritrea urged a trusteeship regime with Italy the mandatory responsible to U.N. Native Eritreans urged unconditional union of their country with Ethiopia.

The Eritrean Moslem League plumped for full independence after 10 years of U.N. trusteeship to be exercised by Britain.

A second report on Italian Somaliland showed differences between Britain and the United States on the one hand and France and Russia on the other side in their respective assessments of what value is to be placed on the "wishes" expressed by the political parties and popular and tribal representatives.

All the Commissioners agreed, however, that the population of Italian Somaliland on Africa's East coast has retained its tribal structure and primitive mode of life; that nearly all the people are illiterate; that their interest in and understanding of economic, social and political problems do not extend beyond their tribal frontiers; that the country's economic structure makes it impossible for the people's elementary needs to be met; that the economically depressed country's development is in the long term problem dependent on political developments.

SLAVERY IN RUSSIA

Geneva, July 21. The United Nations Economic and Social Council today postponed for a year discussions on allegations of mass slavery in Russia and violations of trade union rights in South Africa, India and Burma.

The decision came after a warning by Mr. James Thorn, the veteran New Zealand trade union leader, that the items were "full of dynamite."

The delegates came to this conclusion after eight hours of bitter argument in which the Russian delegate, M. Arutunian, accused Mr. Thorn of "cunning tactics to block progress."

The delegates were faced with four trade union problems; Of the first two—allegations of slavery in Russia and violations of trade union rights in 11 countries—Mr. Thorn said: "Everyone knows that these items are full of political dynamite. To discuss them in the Council would be useless."

The other two questions included the draft international convention for trade union rights, drawn up by the International Labour Office last week and the principle of equal pay for men and women.—Reuter.

US Experts To Advise Britain

London, July 21.

A top American industrialist today disclosed that a number of British industrialists agreed tacitly to import American administrative and technical experts to help raise British production under the European recovery programme.

Roy W. Gifford, chairman of the Borg-Warner International Corporation of Chicago, said he found British industrialists "very receptive" to his plan to send expert American personnel into British factories on a co-operative basis.

He said that during his three-week visit he talked with all types of people from directors of the Federation of British Industries and managing directors of five British automobile manufacturing corporations to taxi drivers.

He said, "Everyone one seemed to like the idea. I met no resentment at all."—United Press.

Truman To Face Congress

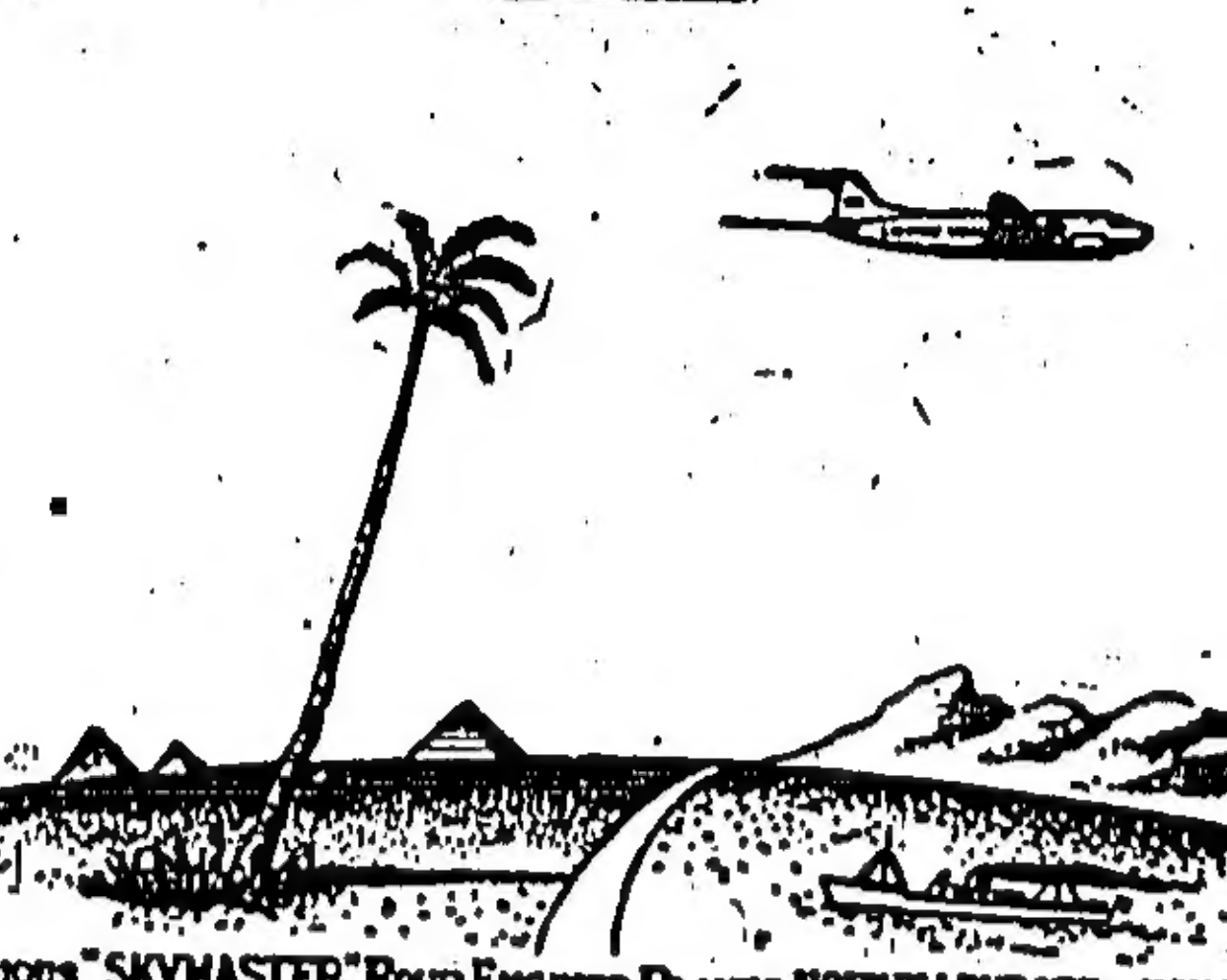
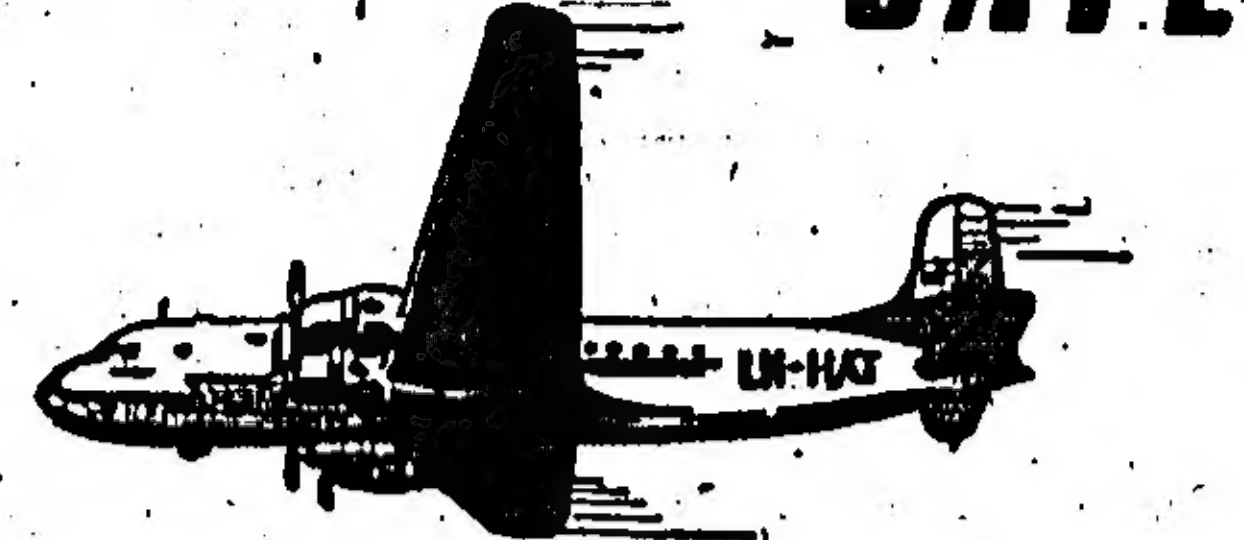
Washington, July 21.

President Truman will appear personally before the hostile Republican Congress on Tuesday to demand bills to curb soaring prices, provide more homes and better schools.

The President will come face to face with law makers for the opening round of what promises to be an historic election campaign battle. He seems certain to get a chilly reception not only from the angry Republicans, who are forced to return from vacations and campaigning, but also from the Southern "Dixiecrats" who have disliked him for his civil rights plank.

In the meantime, the Democratic National chairman, J. Howard McGrath, talked "with the President and predicted afterward that the Southern rebels will be back in the party fold by November."—United Press.

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SHANGHAI'S THIN KNIFE GANG: CLEAN-UP BID

Shanghai, July 22.
Shanghai police authorities are reported to be intensifying measures against the so-called "Thin Knife" Gang, which has become particularly active in recent months.

The gang, which specializes in terrorism, operates in the "red light" district adjoining the downtown business section of the city. It is composed of ruffians who gather together in the late hours of the evening for nefarious purposes. They carry an assortment of weapons, including daggers, hatchets, iron bars, and clubs. Their favorite weapon is, however, a one-foot-long cleaver, from which the gang derives its nickname.

Members of the gang generally operate in small groups, but on occasion—when there is some big "job" in hand—more than a 100 are reported to have congregated.

Although the gang is one of the most vicious and troublesome, it is by no means the only such gang in that area.

Rival Gangs

On several occasions in recent months there have been small-scale battles between the "Thin Knife" group and rival gangs with whom their interests clashed.

Lone policemen on their beat are usually helpless before the scores of hoodlums, and prudence counsels them to refrain from any action until they are able to summon assistance. By that time the ruffians have vanished.

If checked by such policemen, the ruffians do not hesitate to attack. Yesterday, at about 11 p.m., the "Thin Knife" gang gathered in force to wreak vengeance on a brothel in Swatow Road whose proprietor had injured their dupes.

A policeman followed them to the brothel, drew his gun, and ordered them to surrender. He

was knocked down by a club and hacked with knives on the back and leg.

Two ruffians, one of them said to be the gang leader, were arrested on the spot by other policemen. Several others were arrested today and the authorities are reported to be pressing measures to destroy the gang—Agence France-Press.

Success Of Greek Offensive

Athens, July 21.
The Greek General Staff today reported that the month-long campaign against the guerrillas won two-thirds of their territory and reduced their domain to 375 square miles.

The Army said that it was prepared for the second phase of the offensive in the Grammos mountains, northwest of Greece. It is reported that at least half of General Markos Vafiades' available troops were killed or captured in the offensive and it is reported that 1,162 were killed, about 4,000 wounded and 357 captured.

Greek sources said that General Vafiades was so hard pressed for men that he is calling in guerrilla reserves from all parts of Greece.

The Army said it lost 360 men killed, 1,852 wounded and 30 missing.—United Press.

Extras For The Hungry

Geneva, July 21.
The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund today agreed to spend \$50,000,000 during 1949 to give extra food to five million of the world's hungry children.

The 26-nation Executive Board of the Fund agreed today on these main allocations of the provisional budget: Europe \$42 million; China \$12 million; Far East (excluding China but including India and Pakistan) \$6 million; Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign \$3 million.—Reuter.

Hunt For Moon Fiend

London, July 21.
All police in Britain have been alerted in search for a man on a bicycle who kidnapped and stabbed six-year-old Irene Newton, of Mansfield, yesterday—on the eve of the full moon.

The man, aged about 30, was seen picking up the child near her home and to have taken her away on his bicycle cross-bar. Later, she was found four miles away on the Nottingham road bleeding from wounds in the chest and back.

She has been operated on, and today was reported to be comfortable.

The police think there may be a connection between this case and the recent Lancashire child murder, which occurred at times of full moon.—Reuter.

Lisbon, July 21.
The death occurred here of the famous Portuguese caricaturist, Leal da Camara, at the age of 75 years. He was well-known in Spain, France and Brazil.—United Press.

CINEMA WORLD

BARRYMORE AND JOLSON STORIES

"TO THE VICTOR" (Queen's).

Stars: Dennis Morgan, Vico Lindfors.

Story: The scene is post-war Paris. An ex-major, Paul Taggart (Dennis Morgan), is mixed up in some shady dealings on the black market. Through an accident he goes to Normandy with the wife of a collaborator who is being brought to trial. Mme. Christine Lestrade (Vico Lindfors) and Taggart fall in love in Normandy, but their idyll is broken up when Christine is reported to Paris to testify against her husband, which she refuses to do. Taggart makes plans, which result in the killers who are after Christine, and his own friends the black marketeers, being trapped on a railway station. Virtue triumphs.—(Warner Bros.).

"WELCOME STRANGER" (Queen's).

Stars: Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Barry Fitzgerald.

Story: Dr. Jim Pearson (Brother Bing) is sent out to small-town Fallsbridge to replace Dr. Joseph McRory (Barry Fitzgerald) during his vacation. The young and the old, as represented by the doctors, do not mix, until Pearson saves McRory's life. Then McRory changes his tactics, trying to persuade Pearson to stay in Fallsbridge and take over his practice. For this purpose he tries match-making between Trudy (Joan Caulfield) and Pearson (which, surprise, actually happens). McRory's lifelong ambition to be on the hospital board comes about when he diagnoses a local epidemic as too much cigar smoking by the younger fry, thus confounding the Opposition for the rest of the country fare, enlivened by the charm, songs, Fitzgerald and, as the cherry on top, Joan Caulfield.—(Paramount).

"MR. ACE" (Lee).

Stars: George Raft, Sylvia Sydney.

Story: Margaret Wyndham Chase, a ruthless woman interested in politics, declares her intention to run for the governorship of the state. This upsets the plans of Mr. Ace (George Raft), one of the political bosses of the city who wants to nominate his own candidate. Margaret, in an effort to win over Ace's organization to her side tries the most potent means she has at her disposal. But nothing, it seems, can shake Mr. Ace, not even kidnapping a Congress woman. Margaret, furious, agrees to get a divorce from her husband (Follet Raim) and to drop her candidature. Ace then suffers a turn of heart, agrees that she would be a good governor, and goes behind the scenes to make sure she has an opportunity. She wins, without knowing who is behind her success—until later.—(United Artists).

"NIGHT SONG" (King's).

Stars: Dana Andrews, Merle Oberon, Ethel Barrymore.

Story: This is an unashamed tear-jerker, but with such stars even tear-jerking can have its merits. Blinded in an accident, bitter young composer Dan Evans (Dana Andrews) is playing in a dance-band run by his friend Chick (Hoagy Carmichael) when wealthy Catherine Mallory (Merle Oberon) hears him play a fragment of his unfinished concerto. She pretends to be blind and, poor in order to gain Dan's interest, and persuades him to enter his concerto in a nationwide competition she has herself sponsored. He wins, and his sight is restored by an operation. Successful now, he meets Catherine Mallory as herself, and she is resentful when she finds that he has forgotten "Mary," the blind girl she played. However, when Dan does return to "Mary," all is well.—(RKO Radio).

ANOTHER BARRYMORE
Hollywood may soon have another John Barrymore on the screen. He is the son of the late and great actor and Dolores Costello, and he is named after his father John Barrymore, Jr. Now 15, the younger Barrymore is straining at the leash to begin a screen career, but must wait until he graduates from high school. He has traces of his father's famous profile, but is smallish in stature. One of the studios has already offered the lad a contract.

EXPENSIVE VOICE
Metro, which is doing the sequel to "The Jolson Story," is paying Al Jolson \$500,000 just for the use of his voice in the film. The original film was made by Columbia and starred Larry Parks as Jolson, with the latter providing his own voice for the songs. But Columbia would not meet Jolson's terms for the sequel and it was snapped up by Metro. Now Gene Kelly is slated to play the Jolson role, unless Metro can borrow Parks from Columbia.

ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN, the noted pianist who will be seen and heard in RKO Radio's "Night Song," asked his next-door neighbor, Pat "Fighting Father Dunne" O'Brien, "I should say not," Pat replied. "It's great. I've been selling tickets for weeks."

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FRENCH CABINET CRISIS
Marie To Make Attempt To Form Government**Ardent Supporter Of Marshall Aid**

Paris, July 21.

M. Andre Marie, Radical Minister of Justice in M. Robert Schuman's caretaker Government, to-night agreed to try to form a new French Cabinet to succeed that of M. Schuman, which collapsed on Monday over military credits.

M. Marie, aged 50 and a former Buchenwald prisoner, was the last in a day-long stream of visitors to the Presidential Palace, which included F. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, and M. Paul Reynaud, who was Premier when France capitulated.

A key man in the crisis in General Charles de Gaulle's former Finance Minister, M. Rene Pleven, whose group of 27 deputies, known as the "Democratic and Socialist Union of the Resistance", is pro-Gaullist.

With the 90 Gaullists in the Assembly, M. Reynaud and M. Pleven can prevent any candidate for the Premiership from getting the necessary majority of 309 votes.

Well-informed circles tonight thought that M. Marie, whose Radical group is the smallest of the "Third Force" parties, would try to form a more right wing Cabinet than the outgoing one, including Ministers: from the Socialist, Popular Republican, Radical, Moderate and Rightist parties.

Most political observers, however, considered M. Marie has not got a very big chance of forming a new Cabinet. The Socialists will be divided about him because he represents as much liberalism as is practical today in economic matters and because he is adamant on the holding of local elections in October—both points to which the Socialists are opposed.

The leaders of the Popular Republican Party favour his candidature but the back benchers are more hesitant because he is too much identified with the opposition to State aid for religious schools for their taste.

It is believed, however, that M. Marie will try to have in his Government representatives of all parties from the Socialists on the left to the Popular Republican Party of Liberty on the right.

The Gaullists in the Assembly—about 90—are against M. Marie because he has taken a very critical line on General de Gaulle in public speeches.

Outstanding personalities expected to be invited to form part of M. Marie's Cabinet, if he succeeds in forming one, include the ex-Premier, M. Schuman, the ex-Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, the present Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the ex-Premier, M. Paul Reynaud.

All these are reported to be possible candidates for the Foreign Ministry. The present Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer, might be called upon to head a

Popular Front In Italy Dies

Rome, July 21.
Italy's "Popular Front" alliance of Communists and Socialists died quietly today. The front, formed seven months ago for the April general election, will apparently carry on in name only with Communist domination of a few small left wing parties.

COLONEL FREED OF CHARGES

London, July 20.
A London court martial today found Lieut. Col. R. W. G. Stephens not guilty on charges of negligence in the treatment of internees in Germany.

After a court martial which began in Hamburg six weeks ago, he was released.

All the charges related to incident between August, 1945 and April, 1947, at Bad Nenndorf, where Col. Stephens was Commandant of No. 74 Detained Internment Centre.

Charges on which Col. Stephens was found not guilty were that water was thrown into prisoners' cells; that they were made to do excessive scrubbing of cells; that they had their clothing or part of it removed; that they were handcuffed back to back; that they were made to stand naked before an open window; and that they were subjected to physical violence.—Reuter.

new Ministry to deal with the application of the Marshall Plan in France.

M. Marie is an ardent supporter of the Marshall Plan and was responsible for the Public Holidays Bill passed in 1939 when he was Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in M. Robert Sarraut's Cabinet.—Reuter.

Armed Air Strength Doubled

Washington, July 21.
The United States will, by August, have more than doubled the armed air strength which it had in Europe four weeks ago, an Air Force spokesman disclosed today.

United States Air Force planes at present assigned to Europe are as follows:-

1. Permanently assigned in Germany: one group of 75 fighter planes and two groups of troop-carrying Dakota planes.
 2. Temporarily assigned in Germany: one group of 30 Super-Fortresses and 54 four-engine transports—now being used in the "airlift" operation to Berlin.
 3. En route to Germany: 75 Jet-fighters of the "Shooting Star" class, due to arrive in Germany early in August, via Glasgow, from Panama.
 4. Temporarily assigned in England: two groups of Super-Fortresses and 15 Shooting Star fighters, which are due to arrive in Britain today.
- The spokesman said that the 75 Jet-fighters, whose expected arrival in Germany in August was announced yesterday, would bring with them 500 men as ground personnel.
- Equipment for these fighters, including trucks and cars, was being sent after the fighters to Germany in army transports from the Panama Canal zone.—Reuter.

GEN. EICHELBERGER'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, July 21.
Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, who commanded the United States 20th Corps in the European campaign, will succeed Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger as commander of the Eighth Army in Japan. General Walker now is commander of the Fifth Army, with headquarters at Chicago. He will leave for Japan early in September.—Reuter.

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London, July 21.

Detailed exchange controls for Hong Kong are being worked out with those concerned, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer said in Parliament today.

London Stock Exchange

London, July 21.

There was a more optimistic feeling in the stock markets today. Most sections showed small rises. Although news from Berlin revealed no change in the situation, brokers were commenting that the position was no worse.

This led to some bear covering, particularly among industrial and oil shares.

Wall Street's recovery also helped to improve sentiment. Oil-edged were strong. Buying was small but persistent and resulted in rises of 3/16.

Gains among industrials were up to 9d and scattered over a broad list. The oil market opened firm. All issues made small rises, following some buying of lenders. By the close, however, improvements were not fully held.

Among foreign bonds, Chilean issues registered gains of two points following the announcement of a resumption of external debt service.

Mining shares were quiet with slight firmness in coppers. Railways were mainly steady but revealed occasional small recoveries.

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War Loan, 5 1/2% 104 1/2
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Victory Bonds, 4% 114 1/2-15 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES:
British Transport, 9 1/2% 98 1/2
INDUSTRIALS:
British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. 8 1/2-10 1/2
Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd. 6 1/2-7 1/2
Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. 46 1/2-47 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd. 6 1/2-7 1/2

TEA SHARES:
Assam Consolidated Tea 22 1/2
Assam Frontier Tea 18 1/2
Assam Tea Company 22 1/2
Dowry Tea Company 27 1/2
Emp. India & Ceylon Tea Co. 19 1/2
Imperial Tea Company 29 1/2
MINE SHARES:
Burma Corp. 8 1/2-9 1/2
Crown Mines 8 1/2-9 1/2
Nunobiki Mines 11 1/2
Rand Mines 6 1/2
Spring Mines 6 1/2
Sub Nigel 4 1/2
Treyer Tea Co. 1 1/2
Union Corporation 25 1/2-26 1/2
OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch Co. 22 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 24 1/2-25 1/2
SHIPPING:
P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. 10 1/2-11 1/2
GILT-EDGED:
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 104 1/2
National War Bonds, 5 1/2% 104 1/2

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